

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF  
HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

1973 Legislative Session, Legislative Day No. 73-24

Bill No. 73-36

Introduced by Mr. John Hardwicke

AN EMERGENCY ACT      to repeal and re-enact with amendments Section 504A of  
the Code of Public Local Laws of Harford County, Maryland  
(1965 Edition, as amended), to follow immediately after  
Section 504 thereof and to be under the new title, "Expen-  
diture Procedure", to provide that expenditures be cer-  
tified by the Director of Finance or his designee, and to  
provide for penalties for the violation thereof.

By the Council August 14, 1973

Introduced, read first time, ordered posted and public hearing scheduled on  
September 13, 1973, at 7:30 P.M. in the  
Council Hearing Room, Bel Air, Maryland.

By order, Imogene B. Johnston, Secretary

PUBLIC HEARING

Having been posted and Notice of time and place of hearing  
and Title of Bill having been published according to the Charter, a public  
hearing was held on September 13, 1973 and concluded

1 Section 1. Be It Enacted by The County Council of Harford County,  
2 Maryland, that Section 504A of the Code of Public Local Laws of  
3 Harford County (1965 Edition, as amended), heading "Expenditure  
4 Procedure" be, and it is hereby, repealed, and new Section 504A  
5 be, and it is hereby, added to the said Code in lieu thereof to  
6 stand in the place of the section repealed, to read as follows:

7           504A (a) No money shall be drawn from the treasury of  
8 the County, nor shall any obligation for the expenditure of money  
9 by the County be incurred by any officer, agent, department, board  
10 or commission unless the DIRECTOR OF FINANCE OR HIS DESIGNEE shall  
11 first certify that the County Council has authorized the appropria-  
12 tions for the designated purpose and that said appropriations are  
13 available and unencumbered.

14           (b) The appropriations made for the various  
15 departments, boards, commissions, agencies, and institutions in  
16 the annual budget and appropriation ~~ordinance~~ shall constitute  
17 the legal authority to make expenditures, incur obligations and  
18 effect transfers by the various departments of the government in  
19 carrying out their respective work programs upon the written  
20 authority of the duly appointed or elected head of each unit of  
21 government receiving appropriations to the DIRECTOR OF FINANCE  
22 OR HIS DESIGNEE and upon the authority of the County Executive  
23 as prescribed by the Charter of Harford County.

24           (c) Any contract, oral or written except for  
25 small purchases in an amount less than One hundred dollars (\$100),  
26 made in violation of this ordinance shall be null and void, and if  
27 any officer, agent, or employee of the County shall knowingly  
28 violate this ordinance, he shall be personally liable and such  
29 action shall be cause after public hearing for his removal from

1 preservation of the public peace, health, safety, welfare and  
2 property and for the proper control of the County Government  
3 finances, and this act shall take effect from the date it becomes  
4 law.

5 Effective: September 21, 1973

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7 THE SECRETARY OF THE COUNCIL DOES HEREBY  
8 CERTIFY THAT FIFTEEN (15) COPIES OF THIS BILL  
9 ARE IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO  
10 THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS.

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BY THE COUNCIL

Read the third time.

Passed LSD 73-28 - September 18, 1973 (With Amendments)

~~Failed of Passage~~

By order

Imogene B. Johnston, Secretary  
Imogene B. Johnston

Sealed with the County Seal and presented to the County Executive for his  
approval this 19th day of September, 1973 at  
11:30 o'clock A.M.



Imogene B. Johnston, Secretary  
Imogene B. Johnston

BY THE EXECUTIVE

APPROVED:

Charles B. Anderson, Jr., County Executive  
Charles B. Anderson, Jr., County Executive

Date: September 21, 1973

BY THE COUNCIL

This Bill, having been approved by the Executive and returned to